



# NOW NEWS

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## EAU CLAIRE

### EAU CLAIRE/NOW-MEMORABLE

Eau Claire/NOW, well run by a dedicated and active Chippewa Valley Coin Club, has become another historic page in Wisconsin numismatics. Some NOW shows are real "down homers", and the warmth and friendliness is just outstanding. Eau Claire/NOW 1987 was a memorable and enjoyable experience.

The setting at the Civic Center was not nearly as fancy as the American Club at Kohler, but this hall lends itself to coin shows with easy loading access, plenty of close by parking, free if you stay at the connecting Inn), and a clean

city environment. The coin collecting climate and extensive advertising produced good traffic to the bourse, and the Tom Snyder paper money exhibit was applauded by all. A major setback was experienced when 15 cases of Chet Krause displays were not available for use, due to a communication breakdown. Radio, television and newspaper coverage of the show were excellent, but above all, a very friendly spirit existed and was evident to dealers, collectors and the public who attended the show. Competitive exhibits, as in past years, were few in number, but exceptional in quality, a fact of life that



will take some adjusting to. The A. Gordon Gill paper money auction material drew a great deal of attention. The material was so very tastefully packaged, and the catalog will be treasured along with the auction sale book of NOW past president Bob Branigan.

Excellent food, a warm friendly host club, a top quality hotel and a lot of good hobby friends, a mix that makes numismatic conventions memorable, social events. Eau Claire NOW 1987 was just that!

AN OLD FASHIONED FUN  
NOW SHOW AT EAU CLAIRE

### FUN GET-TOGETHER

The traditional Saturday night NOW show get-together was held at Wallys Chalet on Eau Claire's west side. As usual, Dick Anderson gathered names, and phoned in reservations for the 28 attending. As is almost always the case with these get-togethers, the food was superb and the social environment provided humor, stories, and a noisy relaxation that has become a NOW trademark. NOW president Randy Miller took knife and fork honors, and John Wilson's story about Adam and Eve rated a 7.5 is a real knee slapper.

### NOW BOARD IN ACTION

The NOW board of governors and officers met at the Civic Center hall Saturday May 3rd. Racine club officers Greg Gaitens, Milan Alusic and George Conrad were present to report on the status of the 1988 RNS 50th anniversary show, which will host Racine/NOW 1988.

Gaitens reported the new Marina hall is progressing well, and should provide an excellent setting for the show. Enthusiasm is running high and all systems are good. An anniversary booklet, medals, striking, and raffle are planned. President Randy Miller thanked the Racine representatives for making the long (260 mile) trip to report on the shows progress.

President Miller then formalized the election terms of A.P. "Del" Bertschy, Nancy Wilson, Lester Burzinski and Lloyd P. Maasch.

### AND

At the general membership meeting on Sunday, the Madison Coin Club formally withdrew its invitation to host the 1989 Now show. President Randy Miller will contact the Milwaukee Numismatic Society concerning hosting NOW at the scheduled fall MNS show in 1989. Several members questioned the NOW dues collection system, suggesting a more positive approach and followup.

AWARDS BREAKFAST

The 27th annual NOW awards breakfast was held in the Plaza room of the Civic Center Inn, 44 persons attending. The breakfast food offering was exceptional in quality, and served as a buffet, a very class act a few other hotels should copy. Jerry Tillung welcomed those attending and reminisced on the 1977 Eau Claire NOW show, the Chippewa Valley Coin Club, and numismatic changes in the last ten years. NOW President Randy Miller then called on exhibit chairman Keith Kwallek who presented the display awards. Best of show was won by Nancy Wilson, 1st place by William Daehn, 2nd place, John Wilson, and 3rd place Leroy Crowell. The Stratton-Prieve educational award was presented to Tom Snyder for his non-competitive display of Wisconsin bank notes. Exhibit chairman Kwallek reflected the feelings of all present when he lauded the dedication of the exhibitors who work countless hours to share their treasures with other collectors, and teach and stimulate public interest in our hobby.

In a surprise presentation, NOW News editor Gene Johnson was presented a service plaque on behalf of NOW.

Numismatic writer awards went to Randy Miller for his story on how to run a successful coin show and Fred

Borgmann and Gene Johnson 2nd and 3rd place for storys on Wisconsin medals. South Shore Coin Club again provided a \$100.00 award for the best story in NOW News, Numismatic Research Society (Oshkosh), a \$50.00 second prize, and the Milwaukee Numismatic Society, a \$25.00 prize for third place. The thrust of these organizations to promote numismatic writing at the grass roots level is Wisconsin numismatics in action!

## President's message

Another NOW convention has come and gone, and its time to say hats off to Jerome Tillung, Keith Edison and all the Eau Claire crew for a job well done. The show seemed to run without any real problems and I think this is to their credit. A good show combined with excellent food, service, and motel accomodations, made for a thoroughly enjoyable weekend.

I would like to congratulate all the people who did a superb job on the educational displays, once again proving what time, effort, and love for the hobby can accomplish. I would also like to extend my congratulations to these individuals:





For first place, William Daehn, second place, John Wilson, third place, Leroy Crowell, best of show, Nancy Wilson, and the coveted Stratton-Preive award for educational display, Tom Snyder. Once again, great job to everyone. Also, as is the case every year, awards are given by the Wis. Numismatic Writers Association for articles written during the year. Cash awards are donated by 3 Wisconsin clubs: \$100.00 for first place by South Shore Coin Club, \$50.00 for 2nd place by the Numismatic Research Society of Oshkosh, and \$25.00 for third by Milwaukee Numismatic Society.

This year I was fortunate enough to win first place proving that anyone can write an award winning article. I would like to thank NOW and WNWA for the beautiful plaque and the South

Shore club for the cash award. I would also like to congratulate Fred Borgmann on his (unaccustomed) second place award, and Gene Johnson on his third place. I would also like to encourage everyone to join the WNWA..

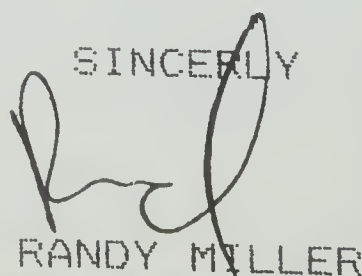
You need not be a professional writer and dues are a token \$1.00 a year. Further information can be obtained from Harold Helm whose address is in the back of NOW News.

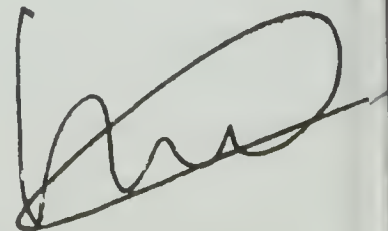
It is also that time of the year when I wish to thank the out-going board members for their job well done during their term in office. I wish also to welcome the new board members and hope we can work together and build our organization.

I would also like to mention for those who did not make the awards breakfast that a long overdue and much deserved plaque was given to our editor, Gene Johnson. Many thanks to Gene (and his devoted helper, Irene) for all the years on the job, and we hope to see many more.

Well, that should do it for now, and start planning for 1988 NOW, Racine.

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RANDY MILLER





WE SAW YOU AT  
EAU CLAIRE/NOW

Cliff Manthe - Looking great healthwise after a rough year in 1986, and still browbeating the Norwegians-UF-DA

Don "hockey puck" Hawthorne-Last year they made him park his camper about two miles south of the American Club, this year he had to push 8000 pounds of coins thru the lobby at the Civic Center twice!

Randy Miller and Sue-nearly missed the pig out at Wallys Chalet due to an excellent set of directions given him by who else but:

Dick Anderson-who always has the last word at the NOW Saturday night get-togethers. Dick accused Randy and Sue of stopping at the Eau Claire Holiday Inn for a 2nd honeymoon!

Ron Calkins(RP) - Those Gill banknotes were thoroughly checked out before the auction. Big question, did the van start when it was time to go home?

Kurt Krueger-who did such a super job on the Gill auction catalog, got a lot of nice compliments from the NOW friends of Gordon Gill.

The Wilsons, -John and Nancy did a bit of super saleswork at the office in Milwaukee (discount booklets) and donated the \$75.00 proceeds to the depleted NOW treasury. Thanks J & N.

Karen Kwallek - was present with dealer husband Keith. The vivacious Karen said she really was dog sitting during the last NOW show, putting to rest the rumor she was stationed in the basement at the Kwallek home guarding Keith's Canada type set.

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NOW SHOW AT EAU CLAIRE

Nancy Edison - When not helping at hubby Keith's bourse table, Nancy was Master of Ceremonies at the ladies luncheon and style show at the Civic Center Inn.

Mike Tiesling-of Green Bay, set up early on Friday night and had time to chat this year, lots of nice material in those cases!

Fred Borgmann-Cathy Coffing-At Wallys Chalet, Fred had difficulty explaining to Cathy that Dutch treating, (paying your own food bill), is an old, old German custom!

Tom Snyder - The modest Tom received so very many nice compliments on his paper money display. So far tho, no offers of new bank notes! "The Story of Early Wisconsin Banking" booklet is a real beauty!



We Saw  
(continued)

Jim Medd-of Texarcana Texas, what a treat to recall the glory years of the 1960's with this Wisconsin numismatic entrepreneur! This fine storyteller is in the mold of the best, Del Bertschy! Past President Jim flew up to be with us at Eau Claire. Jerry and Millie Tillung - All excited about their new antique shop in Eau Claire, which does not carry numismatic material! Both of these dedicated hobbists worked long and hard to make the NOW show a success.

Lester "the leprechaun" Burzinski - NOW board member Lester was chosen by the WEAU TV crew, (all girls), as the most handsome man on the floor according to....

Len Roosmallen - who also claimed Les caused the Eau Claire taverns to suddenly close at 3:30 A.M. Saturday night--begory.

Bob Van Ryzin-says those circles under his eyes are not from nightlife, but a severe case of "computer terminalitis". Bob moved to Krause Publications World Coin News staff last fall you will recall.

Greg Gaitens - who endured a 260 mile ride over from Racine to report on the 1988 NOW show, has a really great white Santa Claus beard -huumm-bet the RNS uses him at the clubs Christmas party!

Harold Helm- old "lucky Harold" won the annual Dick Anderson free drink at Wal-lis, and also brought along a special guest on the trip over from Oshkosh....

Irene Blanchette - the long time secretary/treasurer of the Oshkosh Coin Club. Irene tabulates the writers votes for NOW to determine who gets that hefty check from SS-CC! (Nice lady to know)!



Your editor had the honor of attending the marriage ceremony of Sue Ellen Wendt and Randy Miller at Bethlehem Lutheran church in Oshkosh.. The church was packed, and a number of hearing impaired parishoners were involved thru the use of closed caption. At the Winro Sports Center later in the evening, a huge crowd was treated to fine food and excellent music. A nice NOW representation was on hand!

# EAU CLAIRE NOW 1987 - THE BOURSE





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## EAU CLAIRE NOW 1987 - THE AWARDS



Top left: M.C. Jerry Tillung, then exhibit awards chairman, Keith Kwallek presents to: Tom Snyder, John Wilson, William Daehn and, left, Nancy Wilson.





## EAU CLAIRE NOW 1987 - THE AWARDS



NOW President Randy Miller honors general chairman Keith Edison, (top). Below right, Randy receives plaque from Harold Helm, and \$100.00 check from Nancy Wilson. Right, Randy honors Bob Van Ryzin, and enriches Fred Borgmann with \$50.00. (bottom right)





WHOOPIE AT WALLY'S! (1 to r), Tom Snyder, Muriel Manthe and Cliff, Keith Edison, (behind Nancy), Millie and Jerry Tillung, Harold and Neva Helm, Irene Blanchette.



(1 to r), Irene Blanchette, Karen and Keith Kwallek, Marion and Dick Anderson.





WHOOPIE AT WALLY'S! (l to r), Irene Johnson, Jim Medd, John and Nancy Wilson, Cathy Coffing, Fred Borgmann. Dick and Mick Anderson, foreground.



Cathy Coffing, Fred Borgmann, Tom Fruit, Ron Calkins, Tom Snyder, Muriel and Cliff Manthe.



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### FUDDY'S PLACE

By Harold Helm - WNTA

The building on the southwest corner of 17th and Oregon Streets in Oshkosh, was built about 1900 by the Oshkosh Brewing Company. It is listed as a "commercial Queen Anne style building", and was recently listed in the "National Register of Historic Places in Oshkosh".

The first person to occupy the building was Fred Abrams. Fred ran a saloon downstairs and lived in the upstairs apartment. All other proprietors following him also did this.

By 1908 Theodore M. Bork was operating a saloon in the building still owned by the brewery. The lot that the building is on had a frontage of 180 feet on Oregon Street and 150 feet on 17th Street. The area around the building was known as Bork Park. An old concession stand that stood out in the back was torn down in 1983, the last reminder of the park.

August Witzke was operating the business by 1914. August "Fuddy" Witzke was born July 16, 1886, son of Charles and Augusta Witzke. He married Ella Pahlow. August had a nickname "Fuddy", and was called that throughout his life. Before starting his own business, he had worked as a laborer at the Diamond Match and also the McMillan factories. He also was a bartender for L. E. Clute.

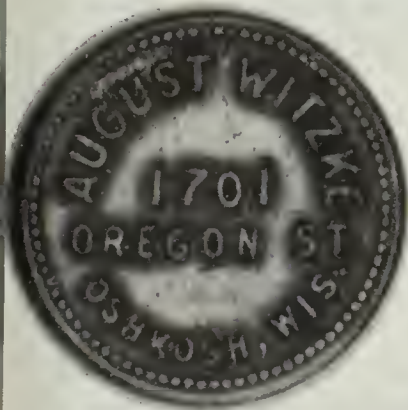
In the rear of the building is a large room that was called a hall years ago. Fuddy used this room as a dining area for his famous servings of fried fish and potato fritters. It was one of the finest eating places in Oshkosh during the 1930's and up until they quit serving fish in 1944.

He bought the building from the brewery in 1937. Most of the older taverns in Oshkosh were owned by the breweries in the earlier years, and leased out.

Fuddy had four tokens



issued when you could still get a beer or a cigar for five cents. He had two different paper chips for 5¢ bottle deposit, and one aluminum token good for 5¢ in merchandise, and one brass token good for 5¢ in trade.



Fuddy relinquished the business over to his son Kenneth in 1967, just two years before his death in 1969.

Kenneth Witzke had ten different tokens issued, all titled "Witzke's Bar." There were eight different plastic tokens, ranging from 10¢ in trade to 35¢ in trade. There were two paper chips, one 35¢ in trade, and the current one being used is 40¢ in trade. Although the place is called Witzke's Bar now, some people still refer to it as "Fuddy's Place."

## MADISON SURVEY

The Madison Coin Club's mid March show featured a "survey form" which was given to the 900 persons attending. With a promise of "free drawings", a nice return of 719 forms was achieved. Here are some of the questions, and the interesting replies.

Question-Where are you from?  
City 45%-County-21%  
Outside Dane county-34%

Question-What do you consider yourself?

Collector-50%-Investor-8%  
Neither-36%

(Call them tire kickers or whatever, they are still potential hobbyists).

Question-How did you like the show?

Great-37%-Good-57%-So-So-6%

Question-Did you like the exhibits?

Great-35%-Good-58%-So-So-7%-Poor-1% (sour grapes).

Question-Did you make any purchases?

Nothing-32%-Something-49%  
Over \$100-15%-Over \$500-4%.



## Greater Racine

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## ONE OF OUR GREAT ONES

Since being organized on October 29, 1934 the Milwaukee Numismatic Society has had many very famous and prominent Numismatists among its membership. While attending the 1987 Florida United Numismatist (FUN) convention in Buena Vista, FL. Nancy I were fortunate to be able to interview one of our three surviving Honorary Life Members Walter J. Boeyer. Walter holds membership #119 in the MNS and he is the past Club Librarian as well as Program Chairman. Walter was more than happy to reminisce about a past famous MNS member. Here is Walters story: One of the more interesting members of the Milwaukee Numismatic Society was J. V. McDermott, of South Milwaukee, WI. Mac probably made the majority of his money in the mid to late 1930's with his vending business, going in and out of saloons all day long. During this time when money was hard to come by Mac was able to amass a tidy sum from his various enterprises. Getting the collecting bug he started to purchase coins from various dealers around the country. It wasn't long before many of the major dealers such as Ben Green, Col. E. H. R. Green, E. G. Johnson, Don Kelly, Max Mehl and Albert Grinnell were sending him large collections of coins and other items. Mac received many items that he didn't collect or want such as tokens, medals, foreign and ancient coins, porcelain and at times double talers. Since Mac didn't like to return anything he brought all the unwanted items to the meetings and offered them to the members at his cost. Persons such as Eddie Kuebler, Ray Kircher and myself were more than happy to purchase his unwanted stock.

Mac actually accumulated so many items he became a coin dealer. From all accounts I never heard anything about mac being dishonest and not helpful with anyone he dealt with. In regards to the 1913 Liberty Head Nickel he purchased in 1942 for \$900, several of the MNS members such as Gale Highsmith, Del Bertschy, Harry Collura and myself could have bought it but that was a lot of money in those days. After he purchased the nickel it was brought to many of our club meetings and exhibited. Mac was very generous with his Miss Liberty and whenever a club or convention needed it for display he was more then happy to let them use it. Mac also liked to take his prize to the saloons with him and show the customers and his friends. Many a time the nickel was slid down the bar for someone to look at it. Mac was offered a nice profit for the coin many times but refused. After Mac passed away his wife Bess consigned the nickel to Paramount International Coin Corporation, ANA 76th Annual Convention Auction, which was held from August 8-12, 1967, in Miami, FL. The Auctioneer for this sale was James Kelly who sold the McDermott nickel for \$46,000 which was a new record. The purchaser was Aubree Bebee who immediately after the auction was offered a \$10,000 profit. Needless to say this very special coin still residing in the Bebee collection would make him a handsome profit if he were to sell it today. Quoting the Paramount auction catalog "So long as man is attracted by the unknown and beguiled by dreams of wealth, the 1913 Liberty Head Nickel will remain a symbol of mystery and hope. Few coins have been born under more clouded circumstances; none lives in an atmosphere more brighter with promise." These were the opening words of an article by the late J. V. McDermott, which appeared in a numismatic publication last Fall. The article appropriately closed with this statement: "Legally one man may "own" this 1913 Liberty Head Nckel, but in a very real sense it belongs to numismatics." Surely these are wise and true words and they reflect not only Mac's love and respect for his "Miss Liberty" - as he affectionately called her - but also his deep devotion to the hobby and his willingness to share it with fellow numismatists. He knew no greater pleasure. End of Paramount article.





Surprised was the word, when NOW president Randy Miller presented your editor with a NOW appreciation plaque. (l to r) Irene Blanchette, John Wilson, Phyllis Calkins, Ron (RP) Calkins, Gene Johnson.

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June 20-21 RHINELANDER

Holiday Inn  
Northwoods Stamp & Coin  
P.O. Box 681  
Rhineland 54501

July 5 SIREN

Community Center  
Fishbowl Wooden Nickel C. C.  
2485 E. Seppola Blvd.  
N. St. Paul, MN 55109

August 12-16 ATLANTA GA.

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August 16 BARABOO

Elks Club  
Baraboo Coin Club  
1015 E. Street  
Baraboo 53913

September 13 LA CROSSE

Holiday Inn Hwy. 16  
La Crosse Coin Club  
W5381 Co. Trk. M & W  
Holman 54636

September 20 FOND DU LAC

American Legion Hall  
Fond du Lac Coin Club  
P.O. Box 952  
Fond du Lac 54935

September 20 BELOIT

Holiday Inn So. Beloit  
Beloit Area Coin Club  
3826 Arizona Tr.  
Janesville 53545

September 27 ROCKFORD IL

Howard Johnson Inn  
Rockford Coin Club  
1004 "C" Street  
Rockford 61108

Oct. 9-10-11 MILWAUKEE

MECCA - 4th & Kilbourn  
Milwaukee Numis. Soc.  
3939 N. Murray Ave.  
Milwaukee 53211

October 18 NEENAH

Valley Inn  
Fox Valley Coin Club  
229 E. College Ave.  
Appleton 54911

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October 25 JANESVILLE

Craig Hall - Fairgrounds  
Janesville Coin Club  
1321 Mineral Point  
Janesville 53545

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## CALENDAR (continued)

February 14	MANITOWOC
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Club Bel Mar  
 Clipper City Coin Club  
 11212 Hwy. 151  
 Manitowoc 54220

April 15-16-17	MILWAUKEE
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MECCA 4th & Kilbourn  
 South Shore Coin Club  
 5324 N. 49th St.  
 Milwaukee 53218

## Club News

### FOX VALLEY SHOW

The Fox Valley Coin Club will hold its fall coin show at the Valley Inn in Neenah, October 18th, 1987. Please note the site change, the show is back in Neenah!

### WAUKESHA COIN CLUB

Persons wishing to contact the Waukesha Coin Club should write: Box 321, Brookfield, WI. 53008

### BARABOO COIN CLUB

Persons wishing to contact the Baraboo Coin Club should write: Box 420, Baraboo, WI. 53913

## NATIONAL COIN WEEK

During the week of April 20th through the 25th A.P. "Del" Bertschy, who turned 91 recently, had a coin and currency exhibit at the 1st Interstate Bank located on Capitol & Oakland. Del spent several days at the bank talking coins and spinning tails with the many persons who stopped to chat. Del has been participating in NCW activities for many, many years and promotes numismatics as well as anyone in the country.

Nancy and John Wilsorn spent April 24th at the 1st Wisconsin, located on 75th and Oklahoma. Four cases of exhibits covering U.S. and foreign coins, currency, tokens and medals and exonumia were looked at by many of the hundreds of persons who did their banking on that day. A one case exhibit of 1st Wisconsin items generated the most interest. Thanks to Tom Snyder for lending us the postcards and German banknote, and Neil Shafer for Panic 1907 note, for the exhibit. Many questions regarding numismatics and the hobby in general were answered by the Wilson's.

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## MORE CLUB NEWS

Hobo nickels - These defaced coins were mostly made from Buffalo nickels with designs hand carved with a knife, a chisel, a file or a combination of the three. Most of the nickels were done by wandering hobos, thus the name. The hobo artist generally would sell their works of art for food or give them away in return for favors. Most of the hobo nickels were made before World War II. Later, works were punched rather than carved. One particularly well known hobo artist was George Washington "Bo" Hughes.

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Love tokens are creative coins that were smoothed down and engraved with fancy initials and borders, usually on one side, commemorating a special person. Here in the U.S. the celebration of Valentine's Day became popular at about the time of the Civil War. The celebration in turn gave rise to the popularity of engraved coins as love tokens. Love tokens grew in popularity up until the 1890's. Collectors can join the love token society by writing to Joe Lowry, Sec./Treasurer, 1832 N. 77th Avenue, Elmwood Park, Ill. 60635.

Racine Newsletter



## WAUSAU CLUB MEETING

President Thad Streeter presides at a spring meeting of the Wisconsin Valley Coin Club of Wausau. Secretary Ethel Schwartz (left) takes notes, and treasurer George Alafozous counts the cash. Sure could use a photo of your local club meeting!

## DUES NOTICE

If your NOW News name tag is highlighted in yellow, and an envelope addressed to Hank Theole is in this issue, you are a valued NOW member who has forgotten to pay your 1987 membership dues! Please respond at once, we need and want your membership, otherwise we wouldn't have bothered, and simply dropped your name from our rolls. Thanks!



# THE REV. F.W. HARRIS WAS A PROMINANT WISCONSIN NUMISMATIST



By Gene Johnson - WNWA

One of the most under-publicised and laid back numismatists in Wisconsin history would have to be the Reverend Fred W. Harris of Madison, Wisconsin. In an era when numismatic publicity was practically nil, Harris quietly was assembling a

collection of massive proportions that at the time of his death in 1938 was equal to, and more varied than the Chase National Bank collection according to newspaper accounts from that time.

Harris, who with Gordon Gill, founded the Madison Coin Club in 1932, was the classic "closet coin collec-



tor" unknown in his hometown, but renowned nationally as a numismatic expert.

Like many early collectors, the Reverend Harris, an ordained Methodist minister, used the mails extensively to deal with fellow collectors and add material to his collections, but Harris carried this one step further, seeking odd and curious media from the four corners of the world through Methodist missionarys who were pleased to help a fellow pastor of the cloth.

The Harris collection, was not really a single collection, but 10 or 12 different collections within a collection, all related historically, and loosely tied together. Fred Harris considered his odd and curious collection the most important, since it documented and interpreted the economic history of the world, and hence, his other collections all dove tailed and attached to this basic collection naturally.

This is how the Wisconsin State Journal described the ancient segment of the master collection: "Dr. Harris' collection which interprets the economic history of the world, begins at 5000 B.C. with Babylonian and Egyptian tablets, scarabs and beads.

Among the rarer coins is the famous "dole" issued after the Athenians captured

the silver mines of Asia Minor. There is "knife money" from the fifth century B.C. in China; and the rare silver and gold electrum of Egypt, the Grecian dekadrachm, the square dekadrachm of Alexander the Great, the first square-holed coins of China, and the kadrachms issued in honor of Queen Arsinal in 360 B.C., first ever to wear a woman's portrait.

There are ancient Prussian coil bronze moneys, a Roman "aes" or pound of brass, the "widow's mite", and one of the few coins issued by Sabina, wife of Hadrian. Every piece of money mentioned in the Bible is in the collection.

From 1600 to 1700 came the "Eight Brothers Crown of Saxony", a coin which has portraits of all eight of the crown princes, the "gun money" of King James II, the Cromwell shilling, the Brabant Daalder, a rare Bohemian coin, and the square siege coin of Newall, Spain".

Lest you should think that more current numismatic holdings were overlooked Harris also had "complete sets" (as of numismatic understanding of that time) of half cents, large cents, Indian cents, silver dollars including the Leshar dollar of which only 278 were issued, plus numerous other complete sets of obsolete U.S. and foreign coins and paper money.

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